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Renovation of Emergency Water Reservoirs in Prerov

1. The city of Prerov (N 49-27, E 17-27) had two emergency water reservoirs, which were constructed during World War II. Water for fighting fires was drawn from these reservoirs in the event that the regular water supply system was out of commission. After the cessation of hostilities in 1945, however, these emergency water reservoirs were filled with soil and leveled off. Sometime in 1952 they were re-excavated, their side walls were recemented and they were refilled with water. The reservoirs measured about 20 x 20 m., were about 1 1/2 m. deep, and had walls with a 60-degree-angle. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] water was drawn out of these reservoirs, at it was simply pumped out by fire trucks when the necessity arose.

2. These emergency water reservoirs were enclosed by a one-meter-high, mesh-wire fence.

Civilian-Defense Posters and Training of Civilians as Civil-Defense Members

3. [REDACTED] some civilian-defense (CO - Civilni obrana) posters among other advertisements in streetcars and railroad coaches. They measured approximately 20 x 15 cm. and depicted a city with enemy airplanes overhead.

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From below, searchlights were shown playing on these airplanes. In one corner was the drawing of a mother hugging a child. The gist of the inscription was as follows: "Mothers, organize in civilian defense so that our cities may not again be destroyed by the American air pirates!"

At about this time women in Prerov who were housewives and other non-factory workers were being trained as members of CO.

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the notices

from the Local

National Committee (MNV - Mistni narodni vybor) which read as follows: "In accordance with proclamation number (unknown

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you are instructed to attend a first-aid course conducted at the local MNV, classroom number (unknown) hour and date.

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Attendance is compulsory; absence is punishable by fine. Written excuses required." In accordance with the above directive

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the first-aid course, held twice weekly, s

for about two months. The course was conducted by civilian doctors. Some of these courses were of shorter duration, while some were more thorough and lasted longer. Upon completion

of course, a certificate

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stating that successfully completed it. At the same time issued a small metal insigné, approximately one centimeter in circumference. This insigné consisted of a Red Cross symbol on a white background surrounded by a silver wreath. The letters "CO", in red, were underneath the red cross.

5. a clerk at the Heavy Machinery Plant in Prerov since August 1951, was urged to join the plant CO. She did so and was assigned to the CO auxiliary fire department. She attended some classes which were conducted after work.

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Shipment of Stretchers for Civilian Defense

9. In the spring of 1953,

two railroad box car shipments of stretchers to a vacant store in Prerov. deliver

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these articles were destined for the local Civil-Defense organization. Included with this shipment were also two containers marked: "Wrapping Material", [redacted] were probably rolls of bandages.

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Vehicles Assigned to Civil Defense

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[redacted] altogether there were four vehicles reserved for CO; they were parked at the ONV. All of these vehicles were Praga-RND trucks, 3½-ton capacity. Two of these were ordinary trucks, while the other two had open-beds with swinging booms, as described above. The driver had to keep these four vehicles in readiness and drove them around once a week to be sure they were in proper operational condition.

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[redacted] for further information concerning this Heavy Machinery Plant.

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